

Session Descriptions

Plenary on the National Center

Are you curious about fatality review throughout the US? With more than 1500 local fetal, infant and child death review teams throughout the US there is great variability in how review systems are structured and conducted. This session will describe fatality review throughout the US, current trends in child mortality, resources available to review teams, the National Fatality Review-Case Reporting System and examples of how fatality review teams move reviews to prevention. Additionally, this session will discuss how child abuse and neglect is both a casual and contributory factor in child mortality.

Writing meaningful fatality review narratives and creating fatality prevention recommendations

You've finally made it to the end of the National Fatality Review-Case Reporting System form and are faced with the narrative section. What do you write without being redundant? After you write that narrative, then what? Is the fatality review work done? This session will focus on tips for writing effective narratives and using narratives to create meaningful prevention recommendations.

Tips for effective, victim centered meetings

Keeping the family and child at the center of the review is critical for improving systems and enacting policy change. However, there is a tricky balance between acknowledging deficits in the child/family and victim shaming. This session will focus on using a healthy equity framework to identify opportunities for prevention while respectfully supporting the family.

Self-care

What about you? Fatality review work is hard work. It is emotionally and mentally taxing. Being in the role of coordinator can add an extra layer of stress. This session will focus on understanding secondary and vicarious trauma, identifying proactive strategies for self-care and tips for supporting the needs of your team.